

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body, for which the magnitude of the tightening portion's resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion runs from above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, extending both left and right passing above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body, and downwards to a position overlying the left and right greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body, and the tightening portion's resistance to stretching in the direction in which the tightening portion runs is made to be lower than the tightening portion's resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wear's~~ wearer's body over which the tightening portion overlies.

2. (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a left and right pair of tightening portions in an area fitting over a wearer's body, for which the magnitude of the tightening portions' resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein when the garment is being worn, each of the left and right pair of tightening portions runs from a position overlying one of the left and right greater trochanter at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body upwards to above one of the left and right buttock of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the left and right pair of tightening portions run is made to be lower than the tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wear's~~ wearer's body over which each of the tightening portions overlies.

3. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portion

further runs from the position overlying the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

4. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs, wherein the tightening portions further run from the position overlying the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

5. (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion has a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wearer's~~ wearer's body over which the tightening portion overlies.

6. (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portions have a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wearer's~~ wearer's body over which the tightening portions overlie.

7. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar region and a right lumbar region of the wearer's body, the tightening portion is forked upward to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters of the wearer's body to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters of the wearer's body upward.

8. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar region and a right lumbar region of the wearer's body, the tightening portions are forked upward to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters of the wearer's body to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters of the wearer's body upward.

9. (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein a left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portion in front of the tightening portion in the lumbar region on the left and the right of the wearer's body, and the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wear's~~ wearer's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

10. (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein a left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portions in front of the tightening portions in the lumbar region on the left and the right of the wearer's body, and the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the tightening force in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wear's~~ wearer's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

11. (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body;

and supplementary tightening portions for which the magnitude of the tightening portion's and the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to stretching varies with direction;

wherein the tightening portion runs from a position overlying the left and right greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body upwards to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body when the garment is being worn, and the supplementary tightening portions are provided along the tightening portions in front of the tightening portion;

and the resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the tightening portion and the supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parallel to the surface of the skin of the ~~wear's~~ wearer's body over which the tightening portion and each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

12. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 9, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as to broaden as the supplementary tightening portions run downward along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

13. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 10, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as to narrow as the supplementary tightening portions run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

14. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as to narrow as the supplementary tightening portions run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

15. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material having a resistance to stretching, and runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left and right when the garment is being worn.

16. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material having a resistance to stretching, and runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left and right when the garment is being worn.

17. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is constituted from a material

having a resistance to stretching, and runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left and right when the garment is being worn.

18. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion has an approximately constant width.

19. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions have an approximately constant width.

20. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion has an approximately constant width.

21. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is formed in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting.

22. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions are formed in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting.

23. (Previously Presented): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion is formed in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting.

24-26 (Cancelled)